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DE 196 29 674 and corresponding U.S. Patent No. 5,873,808 disclose a folding blade shaft of a folding cylinder.

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